

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: BILLING SYSTEM WIITH ELECTRONIC AND PRINTED  
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**STATUS INQUIRY**

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Sir:

More than 37 months have passed since the filing on May 29, 2007 of a response in the above identified patent application. No Communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action on this application, subsequent to a Petition Decision withdrawing abandonment on September 12, 2007.

Therefore, applicant wishes to inquire as to the present status of the above-identified pending patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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